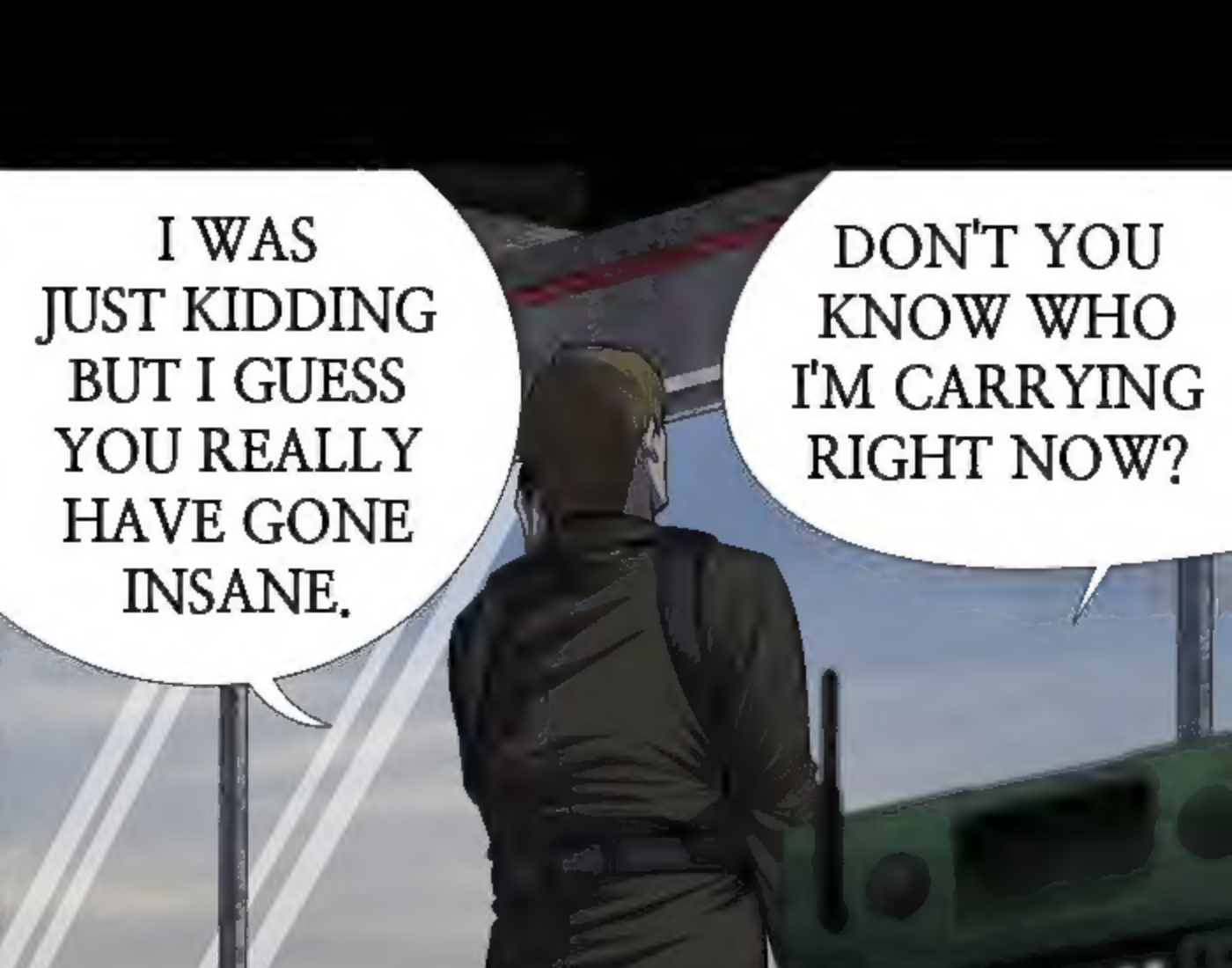





WHAT?






I WAS
JUST KIDDING
BUT I GUESS
YOU REALLY
HAVE GONE
INSANE.

DON'T YOU
KNOW WHO
I'M CARRYING
RIGHT NOW?



IF YOU
KEEP ACTING
LIKE THAT,
HYEJIN MIGHT
JUST—

TRY IT.




I SAID
JUST TRY
IT.

YOU MADE
A MISTAKE,
SEONGJAE.


YOU MUST
THINK THAT
PLACE IS THE
SAFEST IN THE
WORLD.

BUT
YOU'RE
TRAPPED.
AND IN
THE MOST
DANGEROUS
PLACE OF
ALL, AT
THAT.



YOU THINK THAT
YOU STOLE THE
QUEEN'S COMMAND,
BUT SHE IS SIMPLY
NOT KILLING
YOU.


AS PROOF,
THE QUEEN
WON'T LET YOU
GUYS LEAVE
THE TOWER.



DON'T TEST
ME WITH YOUR
DAUGHTER. DO
I LOOK LIKE
SOMEONE
WITHOUT
ANY GUTS?

DO
YOU THINK
I WOULDN'T DO
ANYTHING
TO YOUR
DAUGHTER?

SEONGJAE
CHOI.

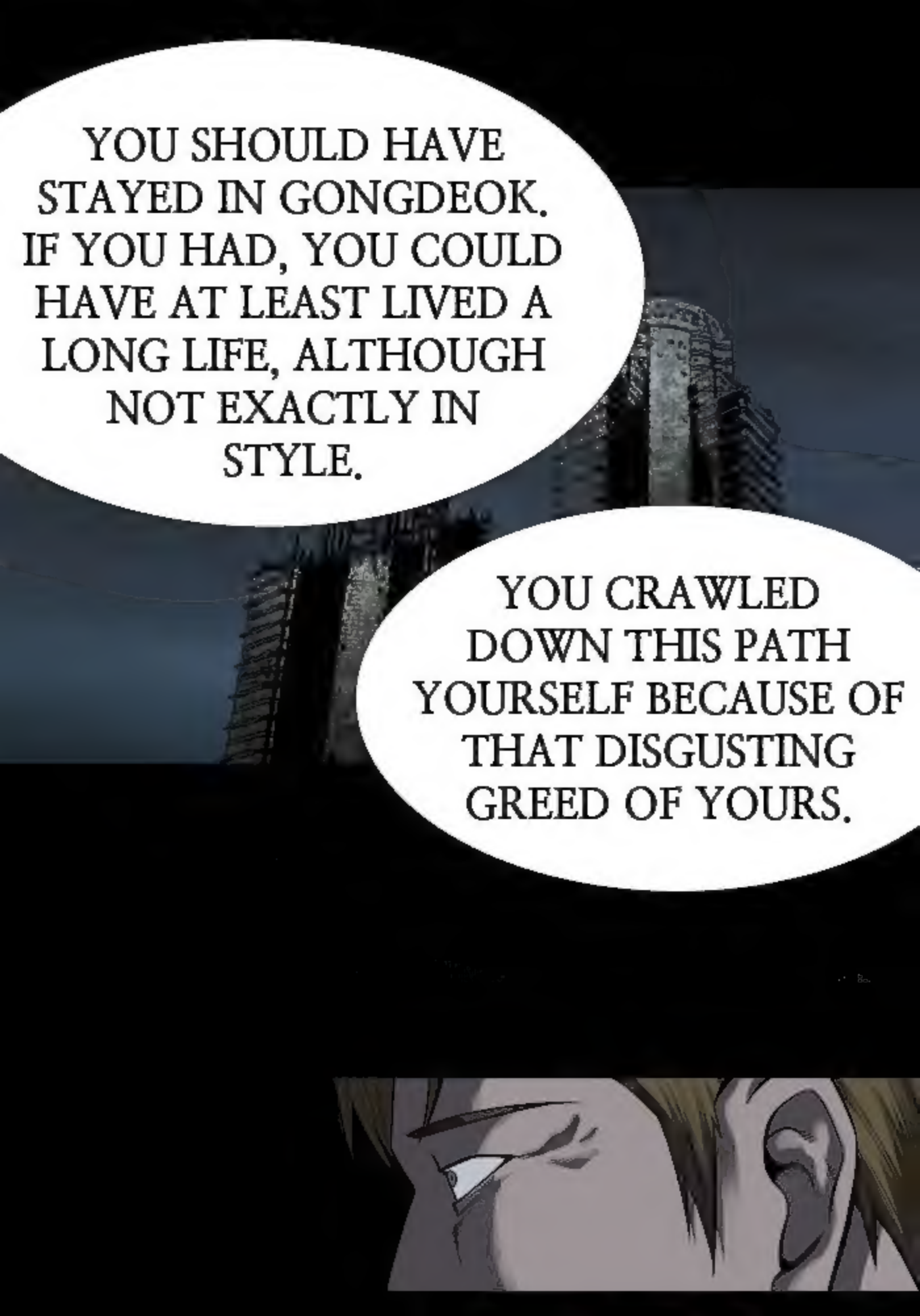


YOU ONCE
SAID THAT YOU
COULD TELL WHAT
I'M THINKING JUST
BY THE LOOK ON
MY FACE.

I KNOW
EXACTLY HOW
YOU'LL ACT WITHOUT
EVEN LOOKING
AT YOU.

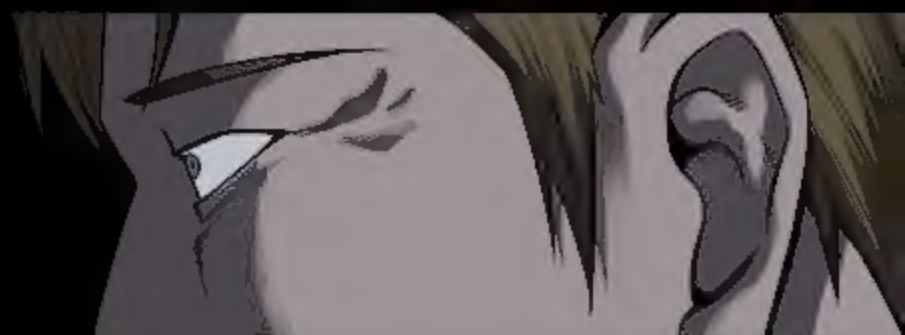
YOU
COULD
NEVER KILL
YOURSELF.






YOU SHOULD HAVE
STAYED IN GONGDEOK.
IF YOU HAD, YOU COULD
HAVE AT LEAST LIVED A
LONG LIFE, ALTHOUGH
NOT EXACTLY IN
STYLE.

YOU CRAWLED
DOWN THIS PATH
YOURSELF BECAUSE OF
THAT DISGUSTING
GREED OF YOURS.



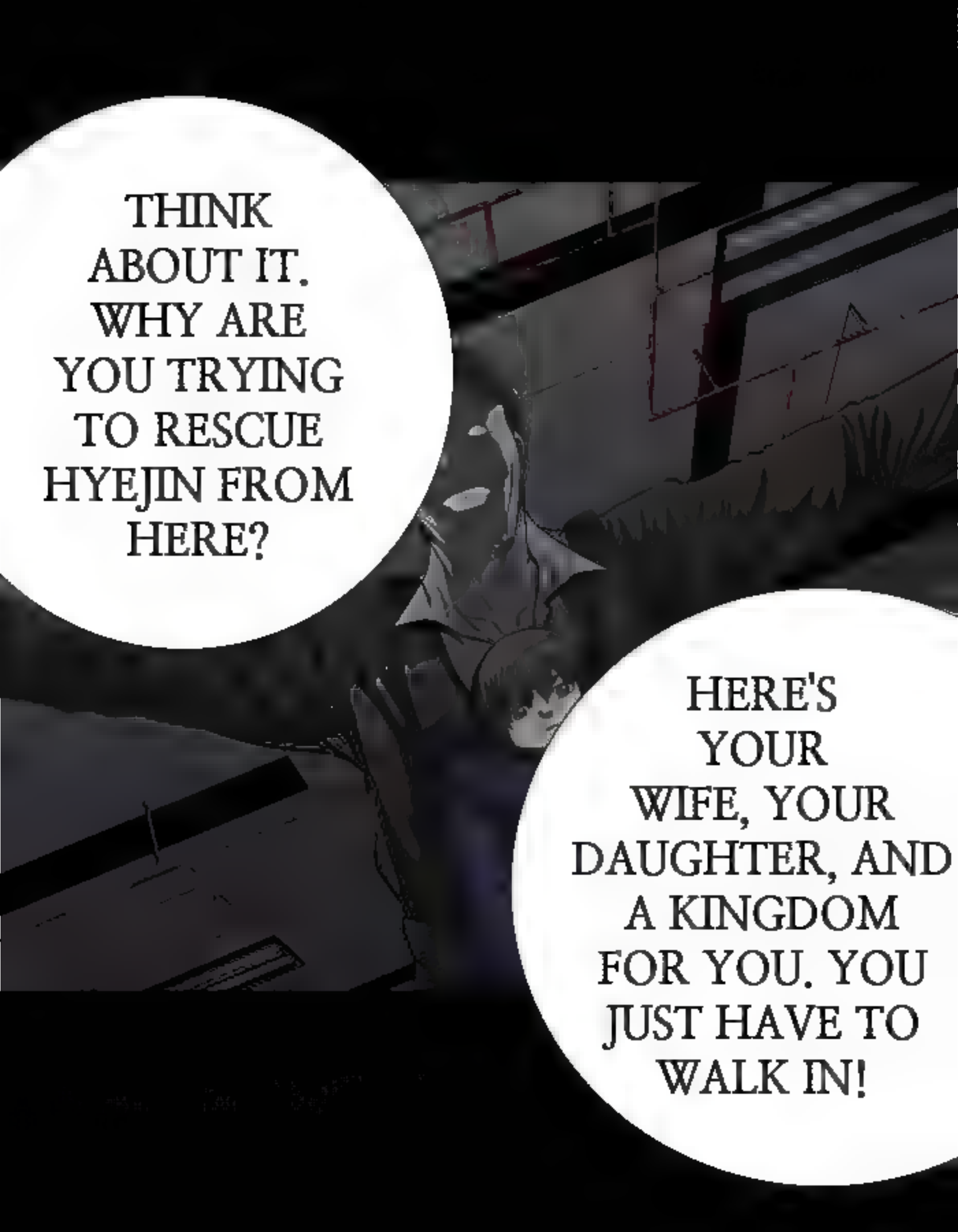


I'M SURPRISED.
YOU'VE GOTTEN
SO MUCH BETTER
AT THREATENING.
I LIKE IT!

THEN LET
ME PROPOSE
SOMETHING
TOO.

THIS IS
REALLY THE LAST
TIME THAT I'LL
OFFER THIS.

COME
AND WORK
FOR ME.



THINK
ABOUT IT.
WHY ARE
YOU TRYING
TO RESCUE
HYEJIN FROM
HERE?

HERE'S
YOUR
WIFE, YOUR
DAUGHTER, AND
A KINGDOM
FOR YOU. YOU
JUST HAVE TO
WALK IN!

I ALREADY
KNOW THAT
MINYOUNG FORGOT
EVERYTHING EXCEPT
HER MATERNAL
INSTINCT AND
THAT SHE NEVER
REMEMBERS YOU.

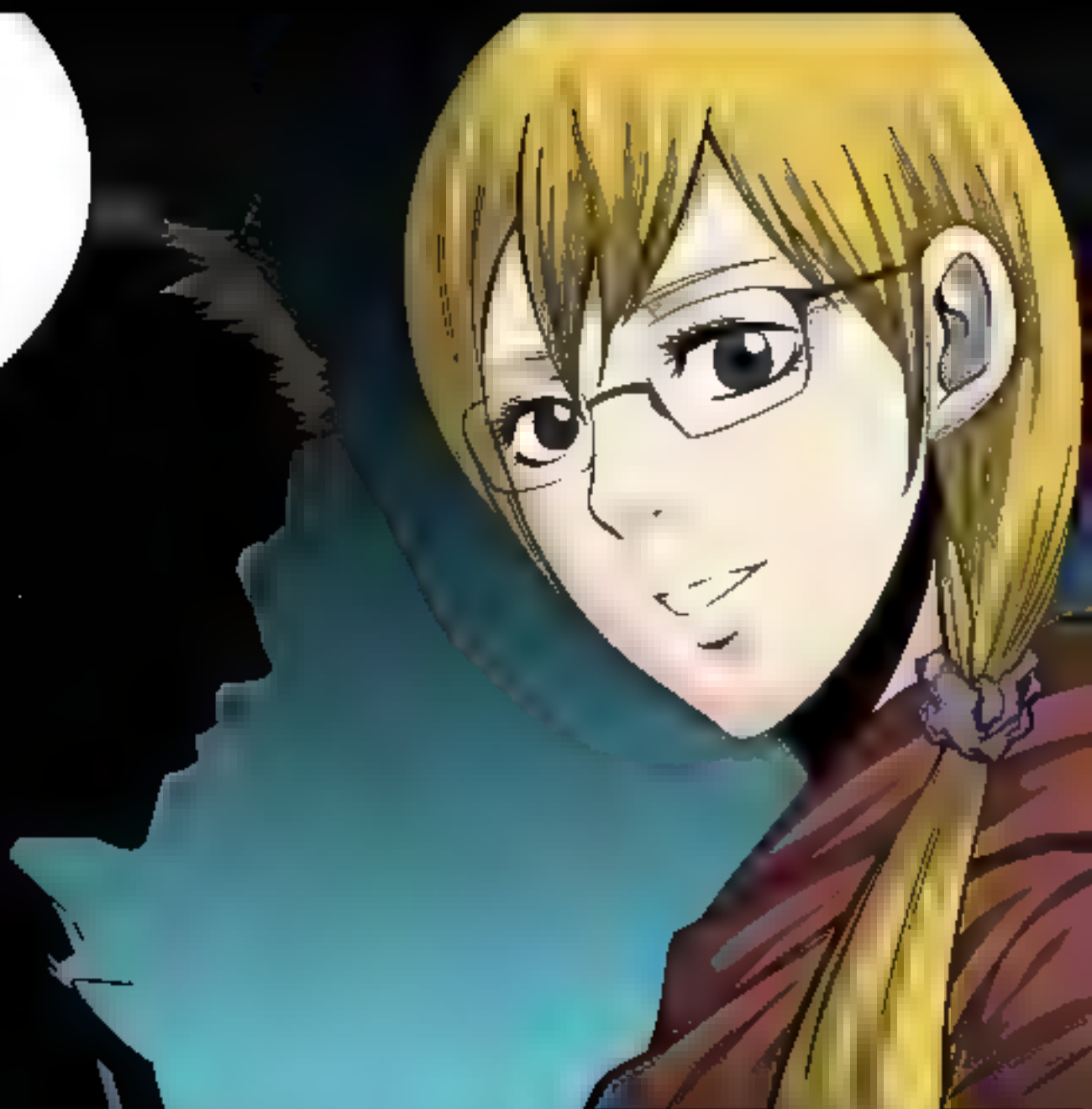


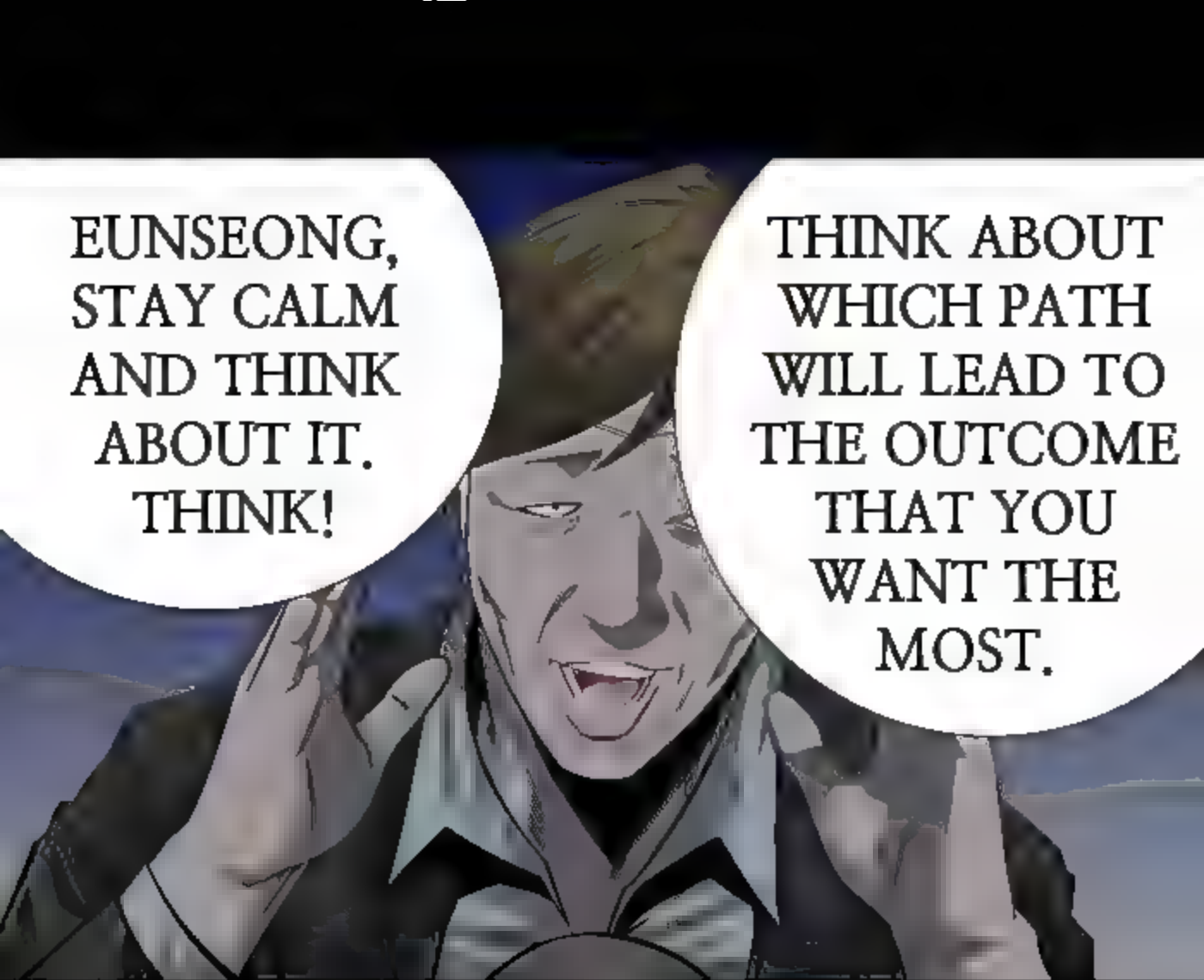
BUT
WHO KNOWS?
IF YOU KEEP
RUNNING INTO
HER AROUND
HERE,



AND IF SHE
KEEPS SEEING
YOU HOLDING
HYEJIN,

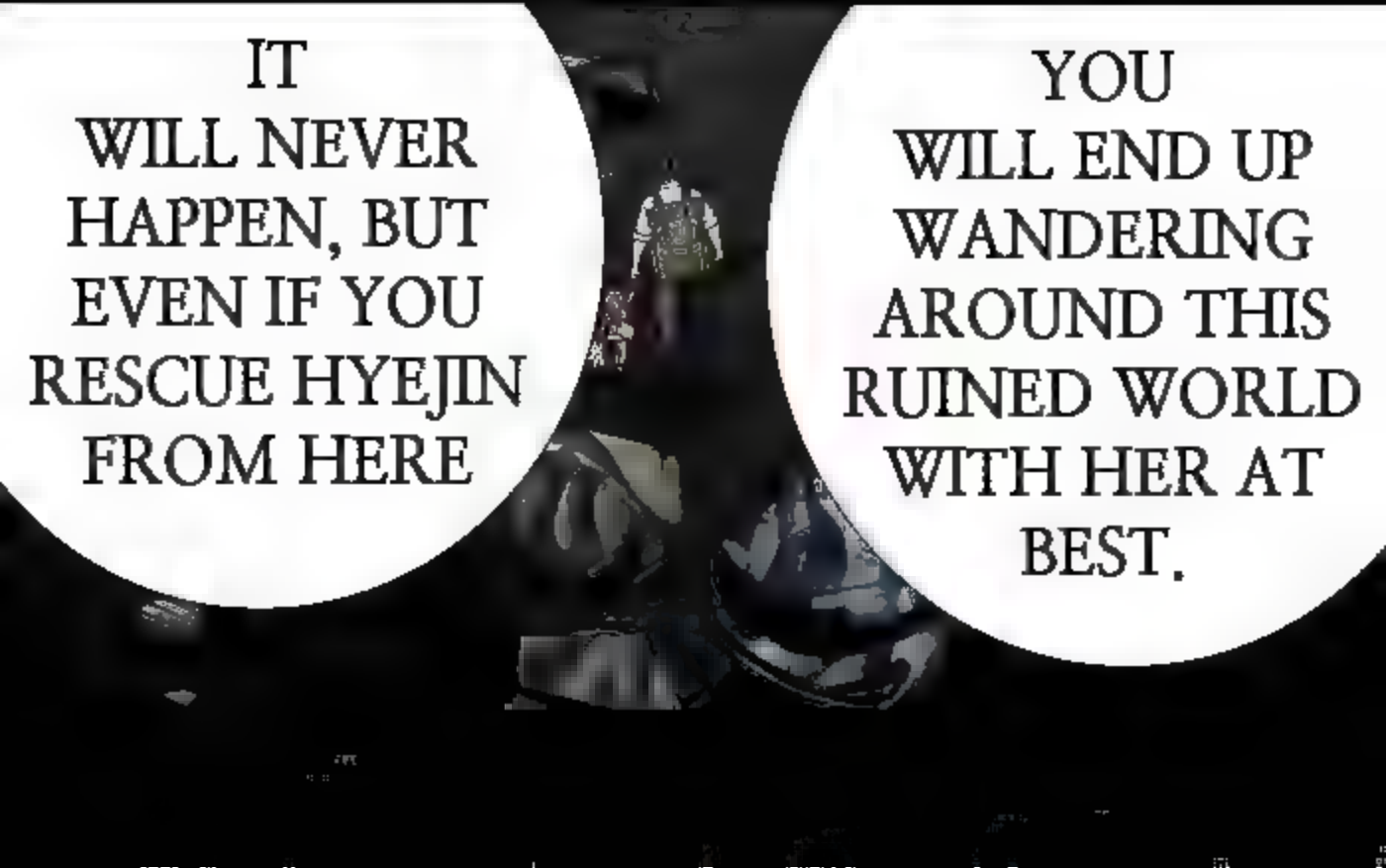
MAYBE
SHE'LL
REMEMBER
YOU.






EUNSEONG,
STAY CALM
AND THINK
ABOUT IT.
THINK!

THINK ABOUT
WHICH PATH
WILL LEAD TO
THE OUTCOME
THAT YOU
WANT THE
MOST.



IT
WILL NEVER
HAPPEN, BUT
EVEN IF YOU
RESCUE HYEJIN
FROM HERE

YOU
WILL END UP
WANDERING
AROUND THIS
RUINED WORLD
WITH HER AT
BEST.




BUT IF YOU
WORK WITH ME,
YOU CAN LIVE
TOGETHER WITH
YOUR WIFE AND
DAUGHTER IN A
SAFE PLACE.



THAT'S RIGHT,
EUNSEONG. HOW
ABOUT THIS?

FOR NOW,
COME HERE
AND WE'LL
CURE YOUR WIFE
TOGETHER.

A hand with a greyish-brown skin tone is pointing its index finger towards the speech bubbles. The hand is positioned in the center of the image, with the arm extending from the bottom right towards the top left.

WHY'D YOU
RESCUE HYEJIN
WHEN HER
MOM IS HERE?
HOW'D YOU
RAISE HER?
WHAT ABOUT
DRINKING
WATER?

THERE
WOULD BE NO
NEED FOR ANY
BLOODSHED
EITHER.

WOW..
SWEET DEAL.
I HAVE A LOT
TO LEARN
FROM THAT
GUY.

WHACK



..... YEAH,
COME TO
THINK OF
IT,

YOU'RE
RIGHT.



HAHAHA.
I KNEW IT. YOU'VE
REALLY GROWN
A LOT SINCE I
LAST SAW YOU.

I KNEW
TALKING TO
YOU WOULD
WORK.

I'LL GO
TO THE TOWER,
AS YOU SAID.

BUT I
WANT YOU
TO LEAVE THE
TOWER.





IF YOU
WALK OUT
ON YOUR OWN,
I'LL LET YOU
LEAVE WITH
YOUR LIFE
INTACT.

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GET THE
HELL OUT OF
MY HOUSE RIGHT
NOW.



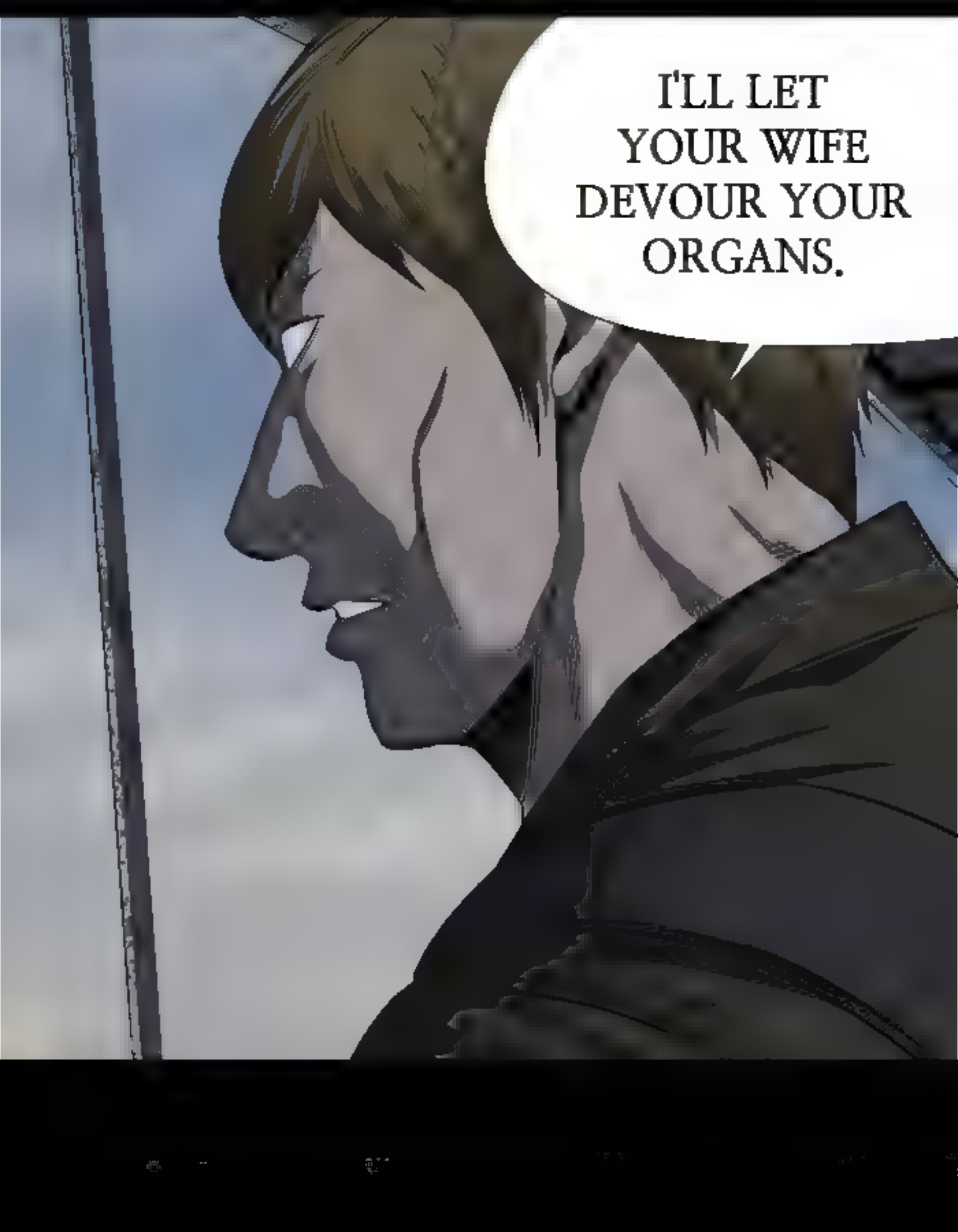




A person wearing a dark, heavy coat is seen from behind, looking out of a large window. The view outside shows a city skyline with several tall buildings under a cloudy sky. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting it might be dusk or dawn. Two speech bubbles are overlaid on the image, one on the left and one on the right.

I CAN'T
HELP IT.

JUST
WAIT A BIT
LONGER.

A man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit and a light-colored shirt, is shown in profile, facing left. He is speaking, with his mouth open. A white speech bubble is positioned to the right of his head, containing the text "I'LL LET YOUR WIFE DEVOUR YOUR ORGANS." The background is a blurred, light blue-grey color.

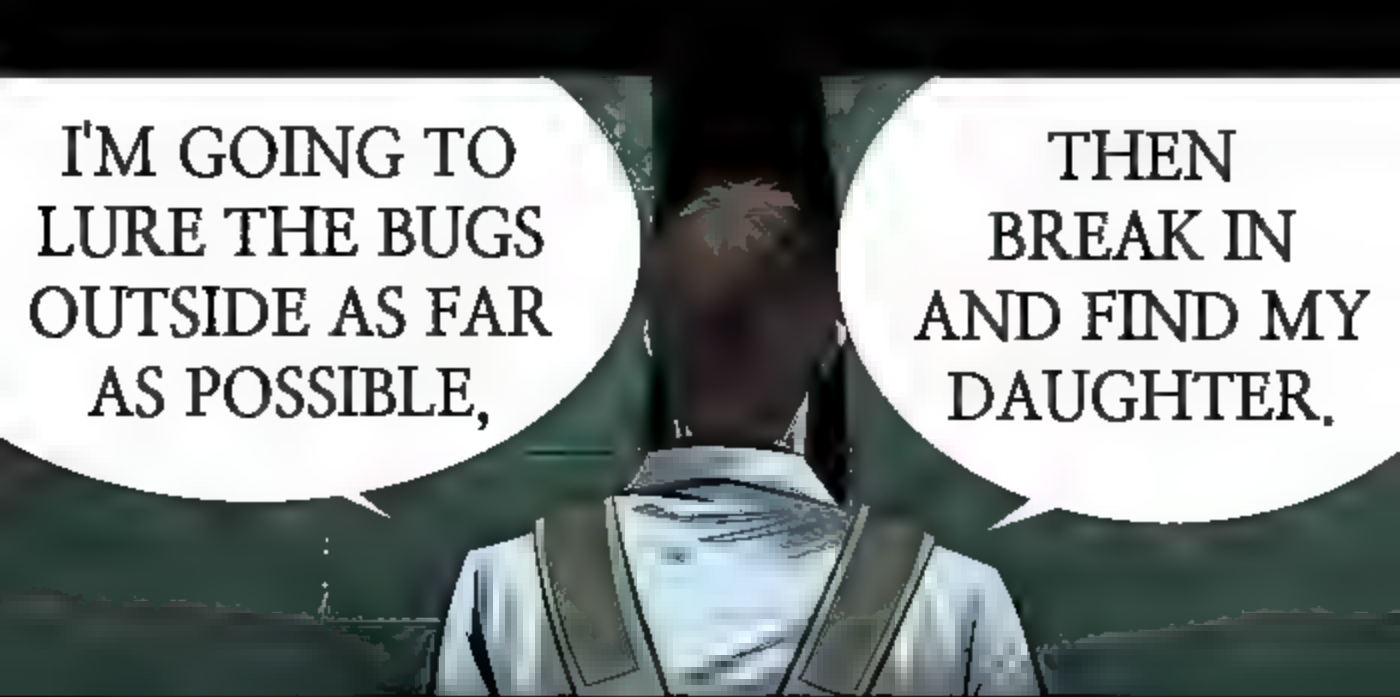
I'LL LET
YOUR WIFE
DEVOUR YOUR
ORGANS.



WHAT ARE
YOU GOING
TO DO?

DO YOU
HAVE A
PLAN?



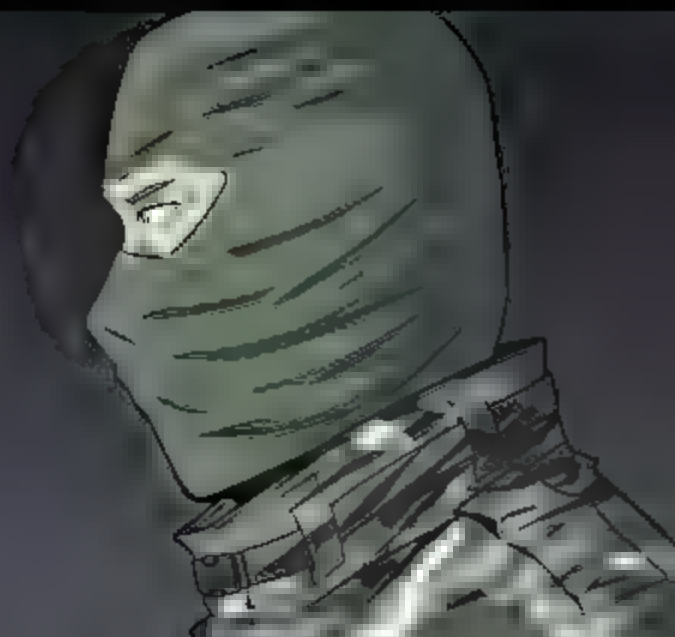



I'M GOING TO
LURE THE BUGS
OUTSIDE AS FAR
AS POSSIBLE,

THEN
BREAK IN
AND FIND MY
DAUGHTER.



BUT HOW?



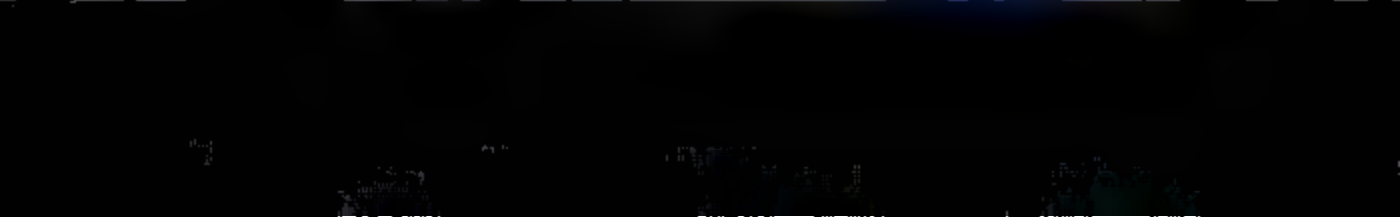
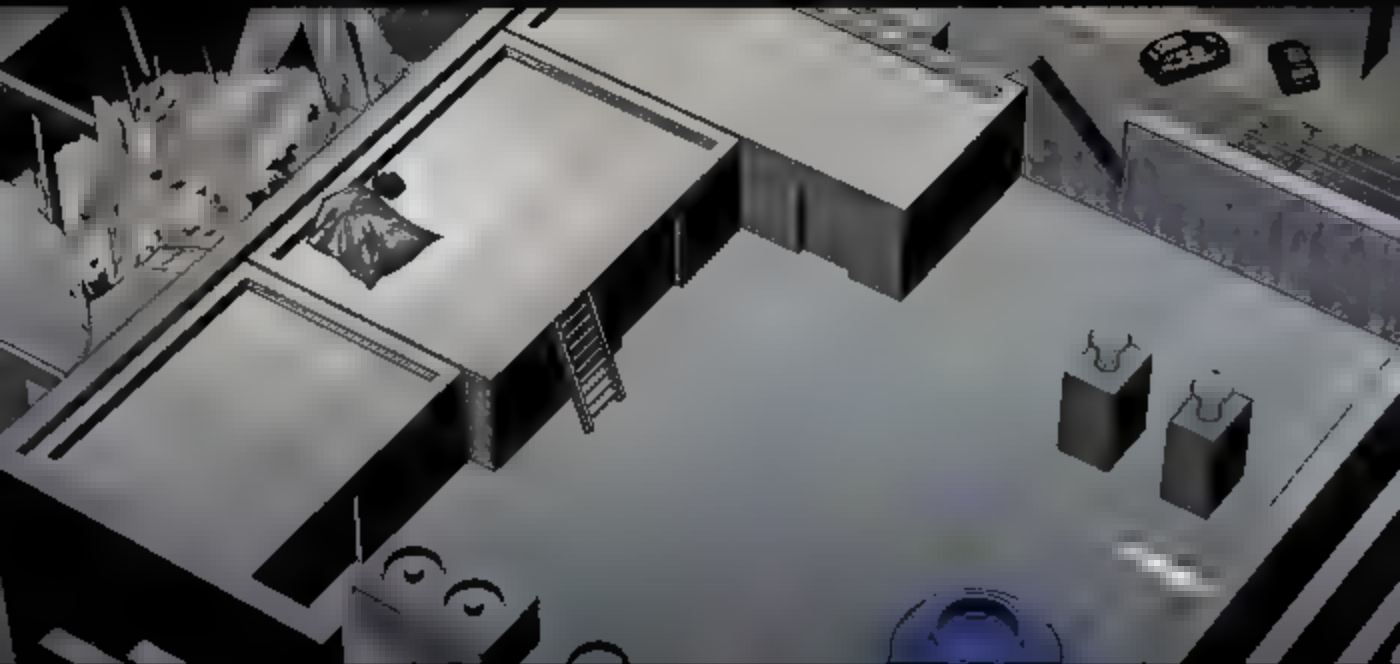


THAT'S
WHAT I HAVE
TO FIGURE OUT
NOW.



FOLLOW
ME.

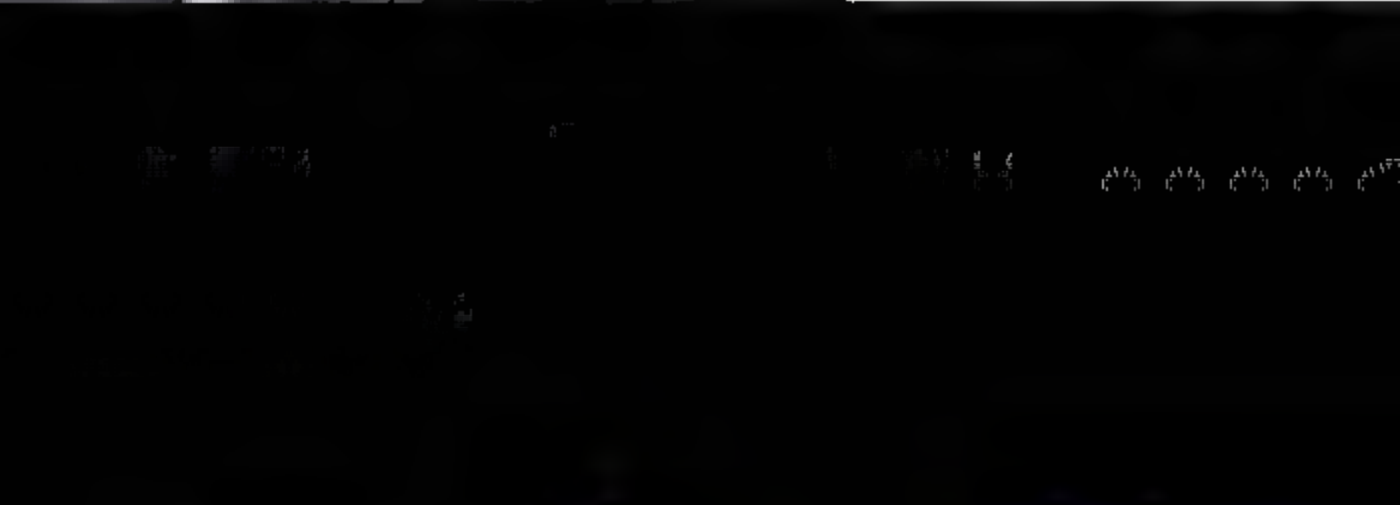
W-WAIT.
GO EASY
ON ME..
I'M HURT...



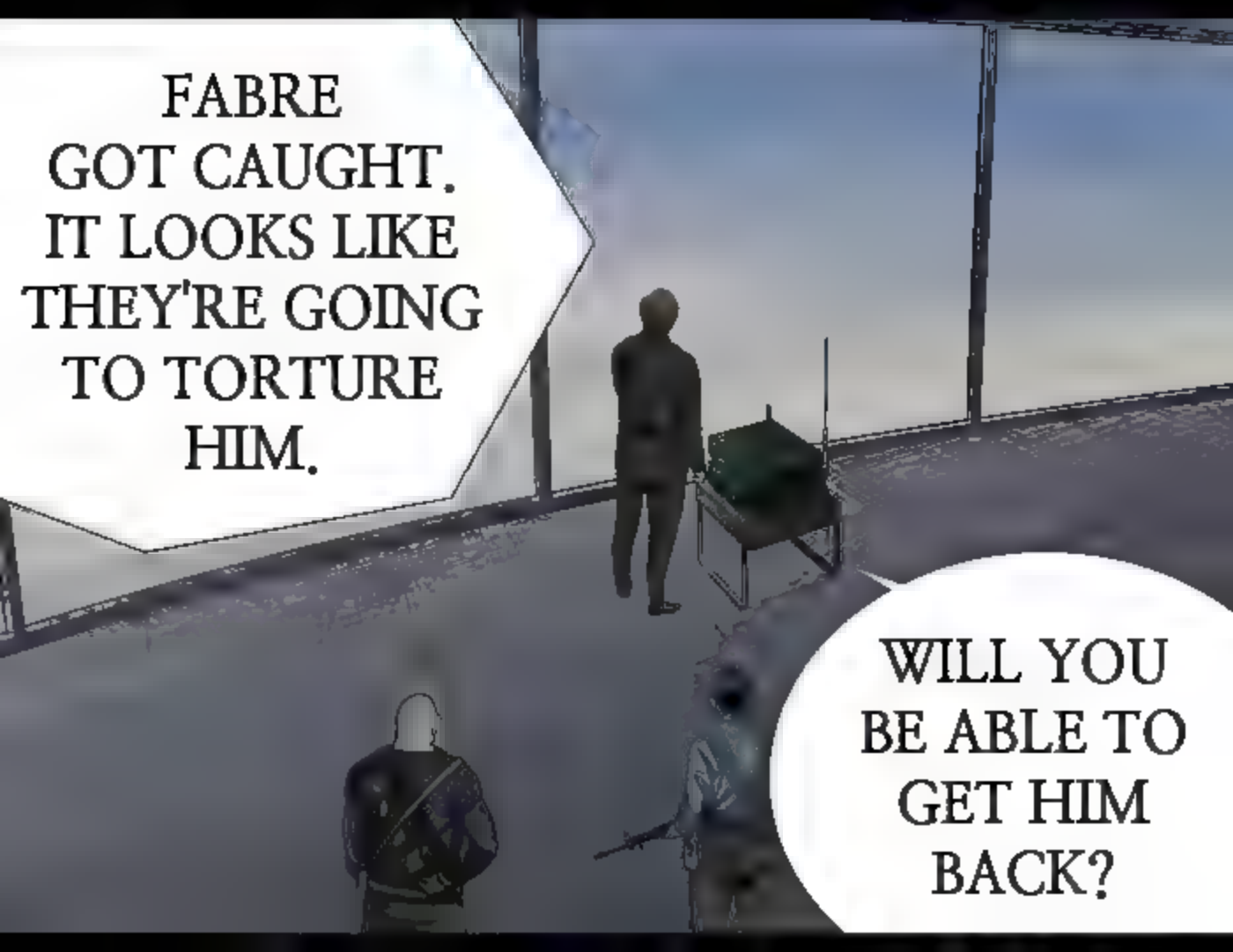


CHOI.


TRANSMITTING.



FABRE
GOT CAUGHT.
IT LOOKS LIKE
THEY'RE GOING
TO TORTURE
HIM.



WILL YOU
BE ABLE TO
GET HIM
BACK?




NO,
THAT
WOULD BE
TOUGH.

THERE ARE
A LOT OF THEM,
PLUS SOME GUYS
ARE VERY WELL-
TRAINED EVEN
IF THEY'RE
IN CIVILIAN
CLOTHES.



STILL,
LOOK FOR AN
OPPORTUNITY.

BUT IF
THERE'S
REALLY
NO OTHER
CHOICE,




YOU CAN
ALSO KILL
HIM.

GOT IT.
BUT IF
WE KILL
HIM,



WON'T IT
BE HARDER
FOR US TO
CONTROL
THE BUGS?

THAT'S TRUE,
BUT THERE'S A
HIGH CHANCE
THAT FABRE
WILL EASILY
BETRAY US. I
WOULD RATHER
HAVE HIM
DEAD.



WE HAVE TO
FIND A NEW
REPLACEMENT
AS QUICKLY
AS—



SNIFFLE

SNIFFLE



HM?
WHY IS SHE
CRYING?

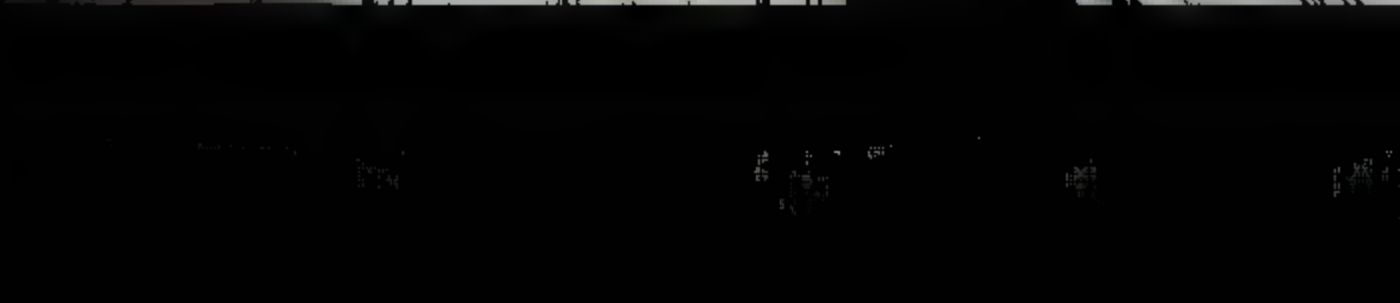
WAAAAAA

WAAAA



CALM
HER DOWN..

HEY,
WHY IS THE KID
CRYING?





..... NO,
DON'T
SHOOT.

HURRY UP
AND CALM THE
KID DOWN!
HURRY!

YES, SIR..


DAMNIT!

I SHOULDN'T
HAVE LET
THAT DUMBA\$\$
GO....



HEY,
YOU HAVE
SOMETHING
IMPORTANT
TO DO.

GO AND
JOIN FORCES
WITH SIMON.



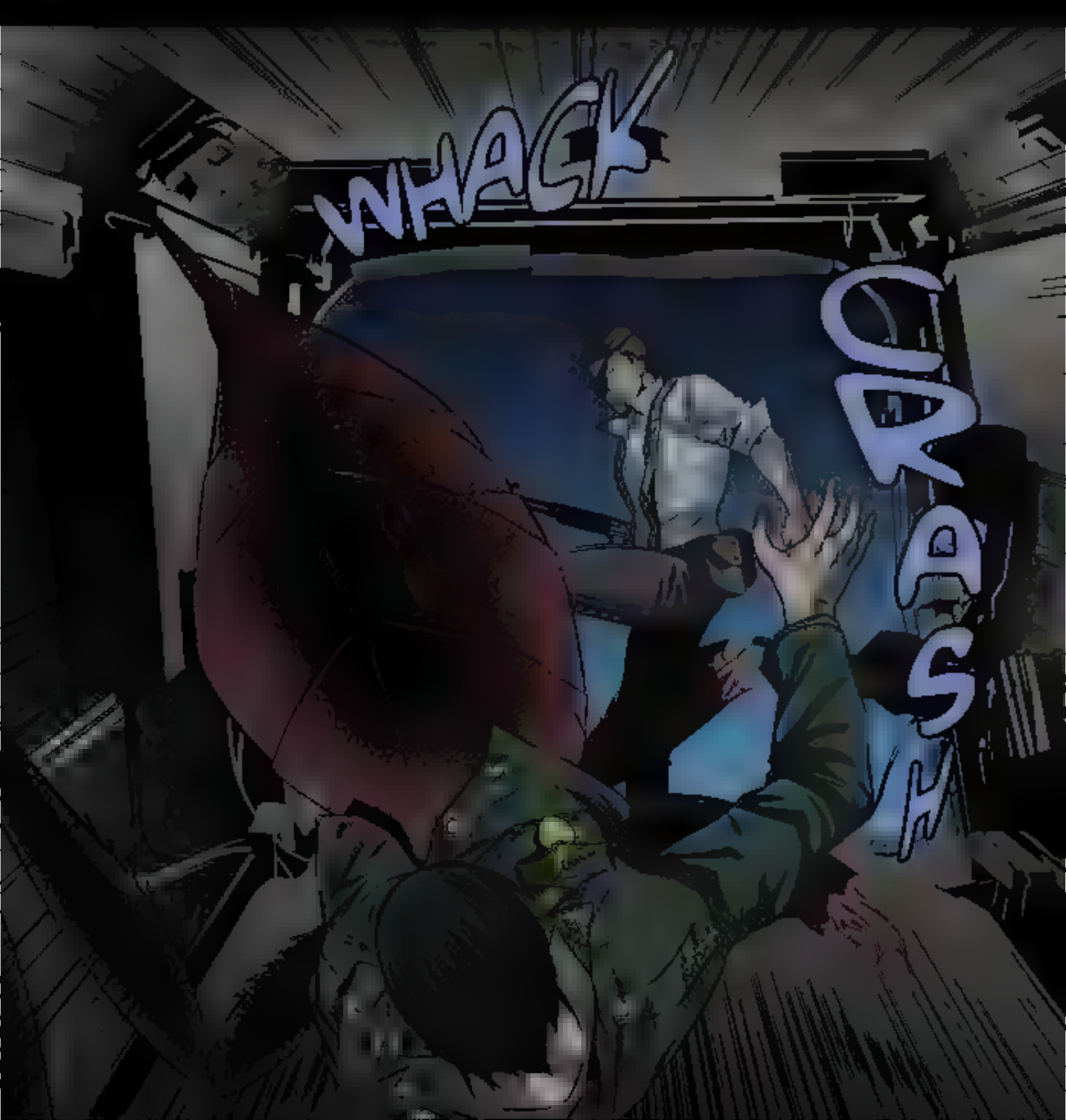
BRING A
PHEROMONE
BOMB WITH
YOU,

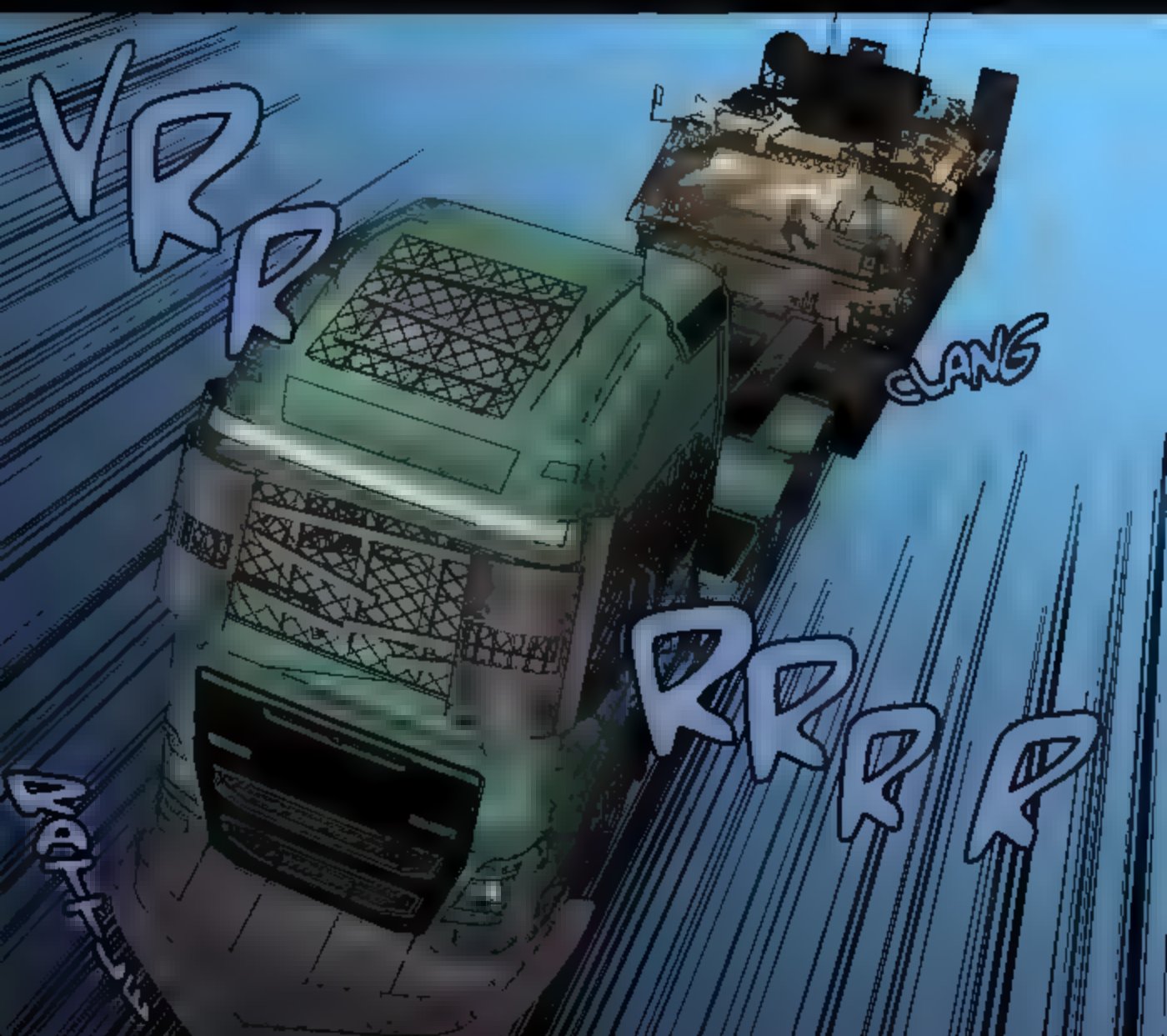
AND
IF THERE'S
REALLY NO
OTHER OPTION,
SUMMON THE
BUGS TO SAVE
FABRE.

"TELL HIM
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE"

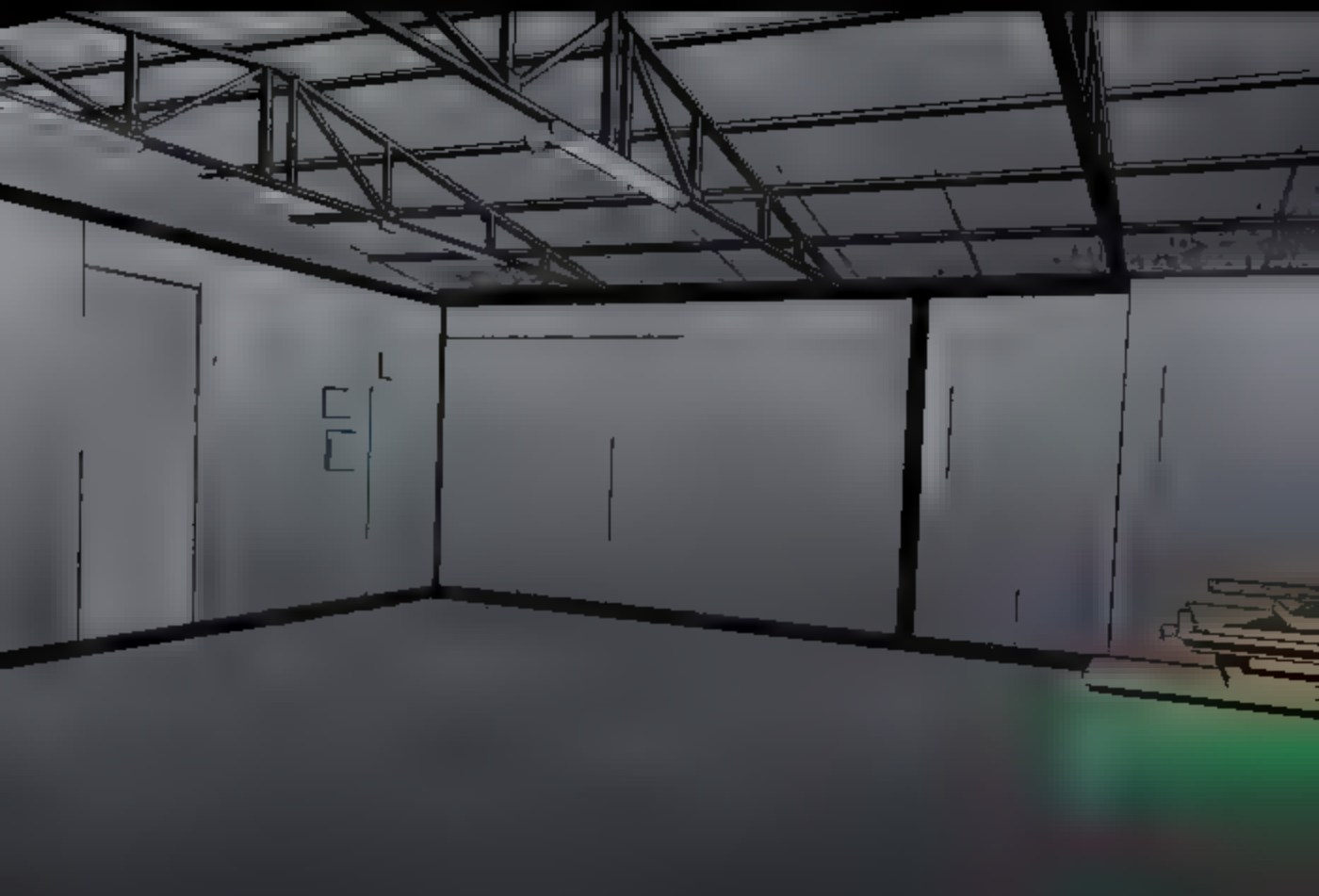
AND
BE SURE TO
RESCUE
FABRE.

GOT IT.









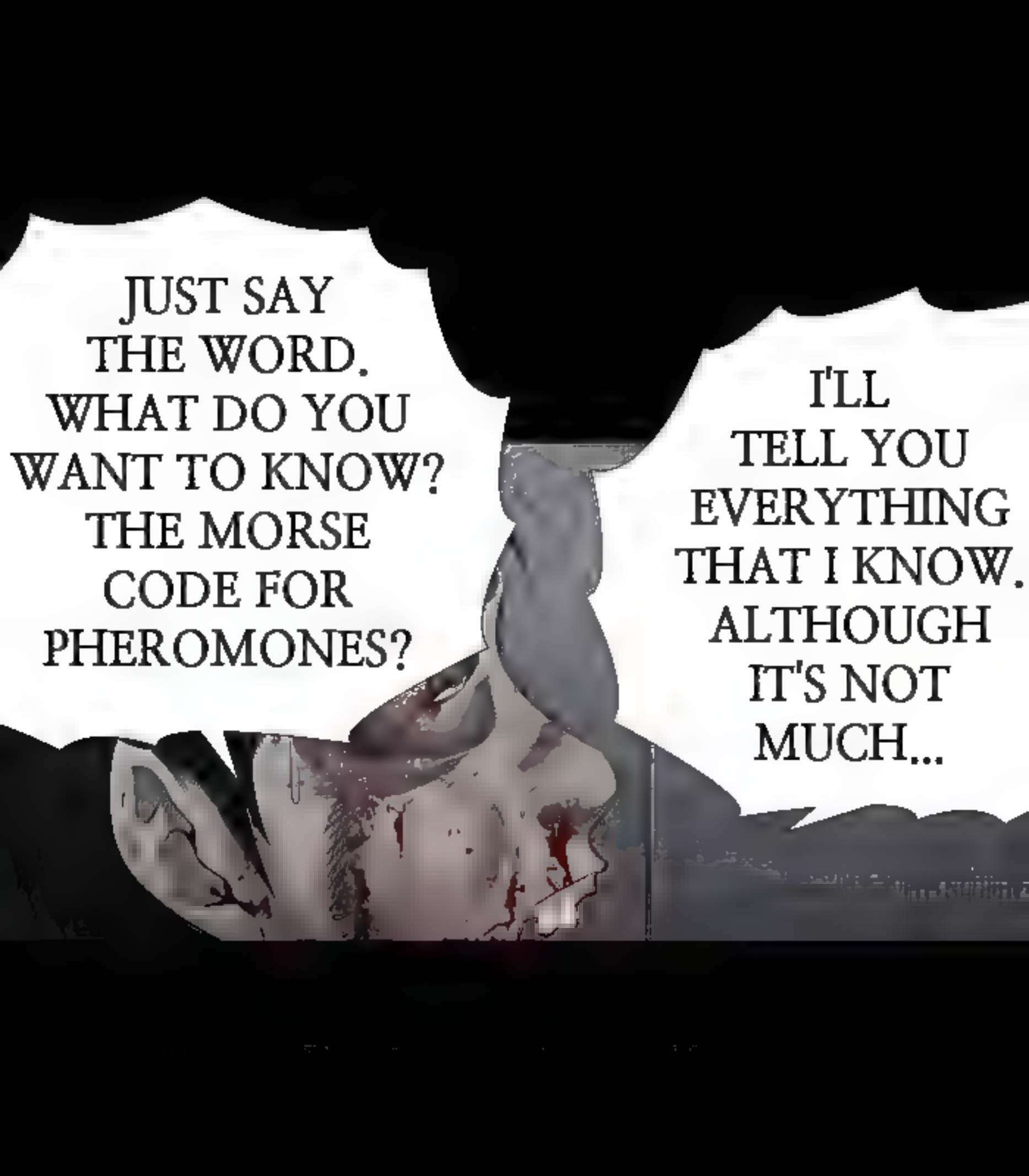


W-WAIT.
ARE YOU
GOING TO
TORTURE
ME?

WHY?

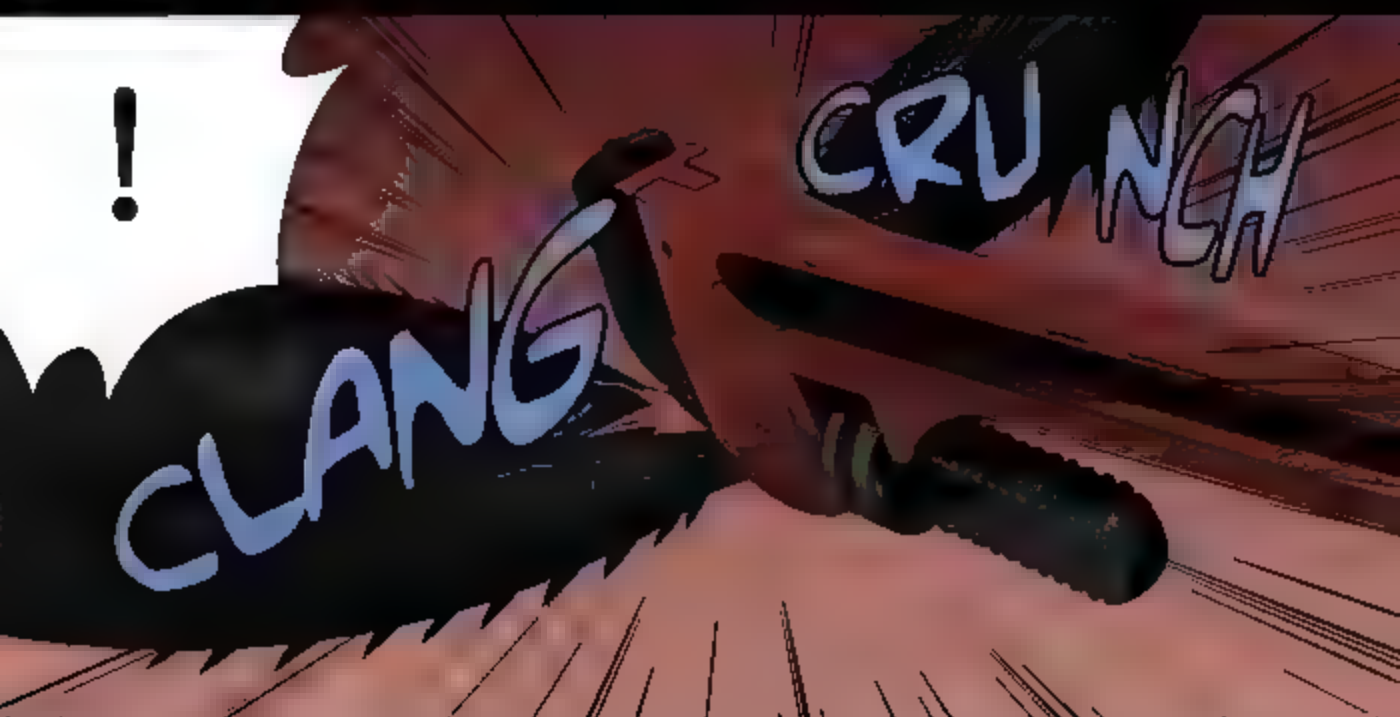
JUST ASK ME.
I'LL TELL YOU
ANYTHING.


WHEN DID
I EVER NOT
TELL YOU
SOMETHING?



JUST SAY
THE WORD.
WHAT DO YOU
WANT TO KNOW?
THE MORSE
CODE FOR
PHEROMONES?

I'LL
TELL YOU
EVERYTHING
THAT I KNOW.
ALTHOUGH
IT'S NOT
MUCH...





UGH...
UHH..

UHHHHH...

TRY TO
REMEMBER
WHO IT
WAS THAT
ENCOURAGED
YOU TO LOOK
FOR YOUR
WIFE

WHILE YOU
WERE FEELING
DESPERATE IN
SONGDO.

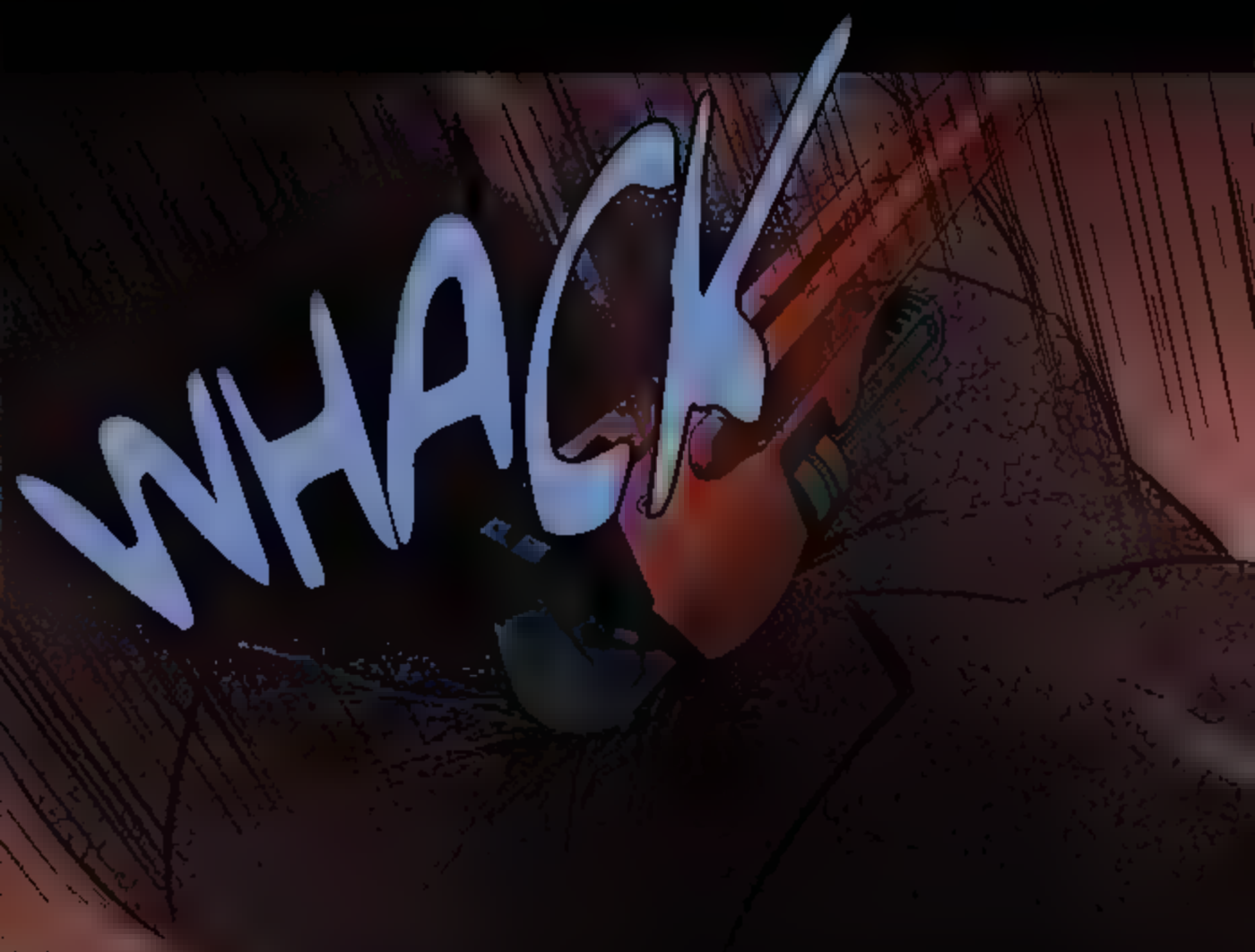
WE
CAN GET
ALONG WELL
AGAIN.

JUST
TELL ME.
WHAT IS IT
THAT YOU
WANT TO
HEAR FROM
ME?

TR
EM
BLE



SCREAMING.



AAAAGHH..
UHHH...

GUSH

CHOKED

Y-YOU
F\$%KING
BASTARD..
WHY ARE
YOU DOING
THIS WHEN I
AGREED TO
COOPERATE?



YOU'RE
EVEN WORSE
THAN DIRECTOR
CHOI.

JUST WAIT.
DO YOU THINK
DIRECTOR CHOI
WOULD JUST
ABANDON
ME?



HE'LL
SEND A BIG
ARMY SOON
TO RESCUE
ME!

DOES
SEONGJAE
REALLY HAVE
THAT MUCH
LOYALTY?


LOYALTY?



DON'T BE
RIDICULOUS!
HE ABSOLUTELY
NEEDS ME!

WITHOUT ME,
HE CAN'T GIVE
ORDERS TO
THE BUGS!





HE'S
JUST BARELY
MAINTAINING
THE STATUS QUO
RIGHT NOW!

THAT'S
WHY HE'LL DO
ANYTHING TO
COME AND
RESCUE
ME.

IF THAT'S TRUE,
THEN THERE'S NO
WAY HE WOULD
HAVE EVER SENT
YOU OUTSIDE.

I ONLY
TAUGHT HIM
A FEW
WORDS!

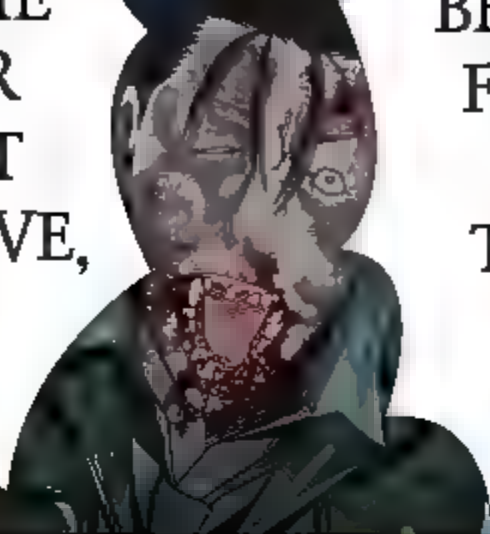
BUT BECAUSE
IT'S NOT
PHEROMONES,
THEY'RE USELESS
ON BUGS RANKING
HIGHER THAN
GENERALS.

YOU STILL
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT AN
IMPORTANT
PERSON
I AM.



ALRIGHT,
NOW GIVE ME
THE PROPER
TREATMENT
THAT I DESERVE,
OR LET ME
GO!

IT WOULD
BE IMPOSSIBLE
FOR YOU TO
GET INTO
THE TOWER
WITHOUT
MY HELP.



WISH

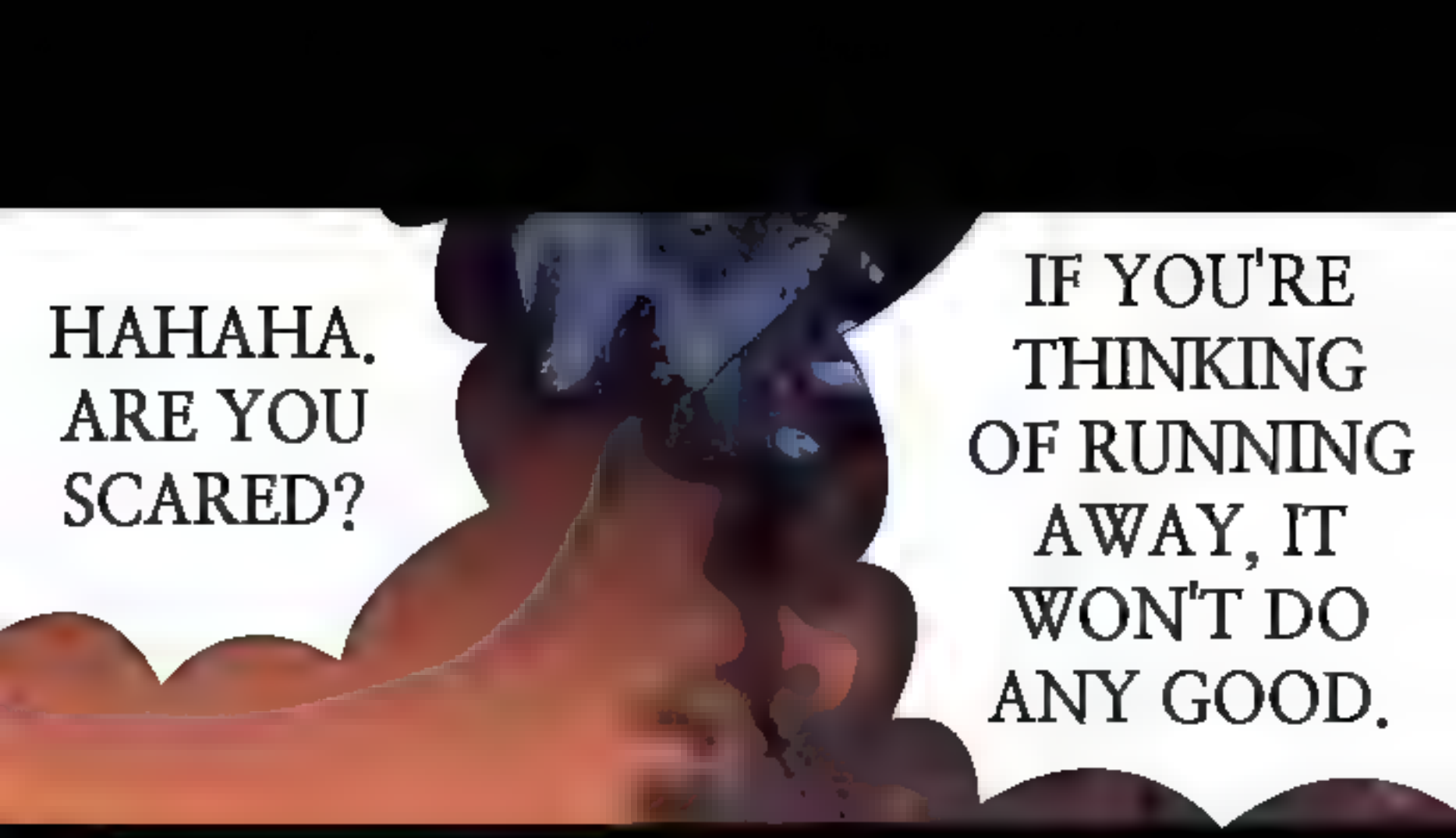
DRAG





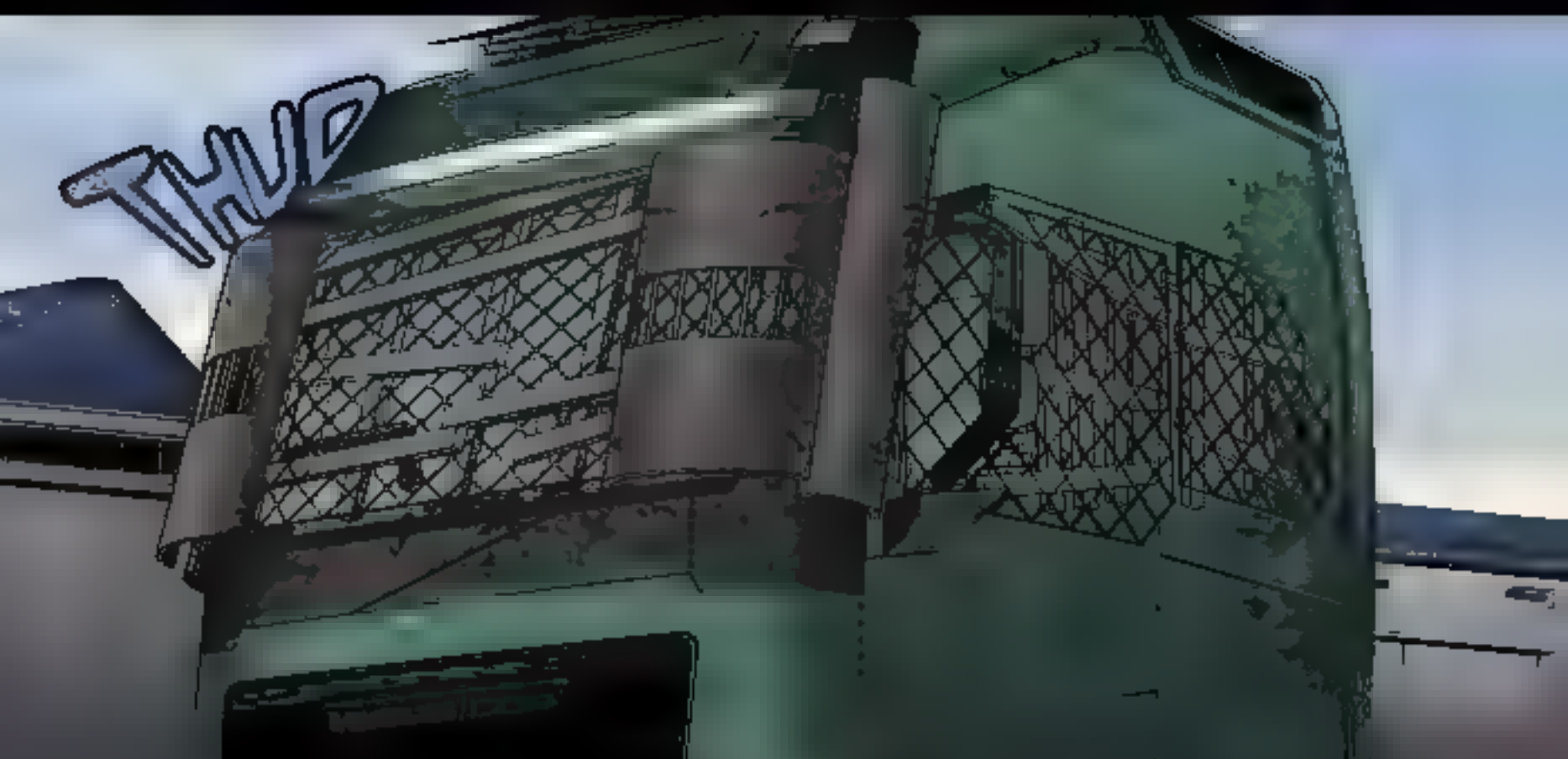
HAHAHA.
ARE YOU
SCARED?

IF YOU'RE
THINKING
OF RUNNING
AWAY, IT
WON'T DO
ANY GOOD.



NO MATTER
WHERE WE HIDE,
THE BUGS WILL
FIND US.

YOU'RE
DEAD!











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